

It is no wonder that the UN's Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar reported recently that the Burmese military acted with "genocidal intent"—genocide, not a term taken lightly and not a term applied often. This comes on the heels of reports by others, such as Fortify Rights, Amnesty International, and Human Rights Watch. Presented by the UN's Human Rights Council, the latest report is the result of interviews with nearly 900 witnesses, and it calls for the international community to act.

Our State Department has similarly reported that the Burmese military's operations against the Rohingya were "well-planned and coordinated," although I am disappointed that the Department stopped short of making a legal determination on the crimes.

Senator MCCONNELL continues to block any action on the late John McCain's bipartisan legislation.

A year after the latest wave of violence, report after damning report documents the Burmese military's scorched-earth tactics. The international community calls for immediate action: accountability, humanitarian relief, conducive conditions in Burma for safe and voluntary repatriation.

Congress has its hands tied by the majority leader.

Like Senator MCCONNELL, I have also been a big fan of Aung San Suu Kyi and had high hopes for her, and I recognize the near impossible position she is in with the Burmese military, but her blindness to the suffering of her own people, not to mention her defense of the absurd jailing of the two Reuters reporters, troubles me deeply. That is not the Aung San Suu Kyi that John McCain called his "personal hero."

John McCain's bill is about ensuring that we hold the Burmese military accountable for its operations. I hope the majority leader will finally recognize that and allow this bipartisan bill to move.

#### MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, September 24 to 28, 2018, marks Malnutrition Awareness Week. Malnutrition Awareness Week is a multi-organizational, multipronged campaign created by the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition to educate healthcare professionals to identify and treat for malnutrition earlier, educate consumers and patients to discuss their nutrition status with healthcare professionals, and increase awareness of nutrition's role in patient recovery.

Last summer, the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging held a hearing to discuss the importance of proper nutrition and the impact of malnutrition on America's seniors. We learned that, in 2014, more than 13 percent of seniors in Pennsylvania reported food insecurity. Experts shared that poverty, food insecurity, and changes with age significantly increase the risk of malnutrition.

Unfortunately, we do not know the full extent to which malnutrition plagues seniors across the country. It is for this reason that last fall I called on the U.S. Government Accountability Office to examine what is known about the caloric and nutrient needs of older adults as well as the extent to which federally funded nutrition programs that serve older adults are meeting their nutrition needs.

No seniors should have to choose between putting food on the table and taking their medications. That is why, as ranking member of the Aging Committee, I authored a bill, the Nourishing Our Golden Years Act, to improve seniors' access to the senior food box program, my bill assures that seniors are not kicked off the program simply because of red tape and difficult deadlines.

We cannot solve malnutrition without better understanding the issue. Older adults, caregivers and healthcare professionals require guidance on the identification of and interventions for seniors facing this crisis. I am pleased to raise awareness about malnutrition among seniors as part of Malnutrition Awareness Week.

#### TRIBUTE TO MATT MEAD

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, today I wish to share my appreciation for Governor Matt Mead. He will complete his second term as Wyoming's commander in chief this year. It is an honor to recognize his devotion to our servicemen and women.

Here in Wyoming, we rely on the cowboy code. The Code of the West was adopted as the State's official code of ethics. It reminds us to "live each day with courage" and "be tough, but fair." It also reminds us to "take pride in our work."

Governor Mead can certainly take pride in his role as a champion and advocate for Wyoming's military members and their families. Since 2008, Matt attended 22 deployment ceremonies for members of the Wyoming Air and Army National Guards. In 8 years, exactly 2,235 airmen and soldiers have been deployed to fight the war on terror and protect our Nation.

Matt knows the importance of supporting our troops, both at home and overseas. He visited deployed troops on six separate occasions to bring words of support and encouragement from home. Similarly, he was on the ground with families and friends at 22 homecoming events, greeting returning men and women with a smile on his face.

Governor Mead is also dedicated to thanking those who have already served. During his tenure, he attended 53 Veterans Day and welcome home events. These welcome home ceremonies began as a way to honor veterans of the Korean conflict and the Vietnam war who returned home without receiving proper recognition of their service and sacrifice.

In addition, he signed legislation designating Interstate 25, which runs

north to south from Buffalo, Wyoming, to the Colorado border, as the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Highway.

Finally, under his direction, the Wyoming Veterans Commission assisted over 8,000 veterans and family members with problems or requests for information. Matt's determination to provide high-quality care and support to Wyoming's veterans is unparalleled.

Matt does not stop at honoring veterans and supporting Active-Duty servicemembers. In 2011, he saw a need to recognize those just beginning their service. Now, he regularly hosts enlistment ceremonies for young men and women who commit to joining the Armed Forces.

At these special events, Governor Mead takes time to share his appreciation for their bravery, patriotism, and desire to serve our Nation. His warm words of inspiration provide reassurance to these young people and their families as they embark on this momentous journey. Since the first ceremony, a total of 3,035 enlistees have been recognized for answering the call of duty.

Governor Mead is not alone in his efforts to celebrate their selfless sacrifice. He is aided by the Hon. Gary Hartman, who serves as Mead's military and veteran policy analyst. Judge Hartman is a U.S. Air Force veteran who served in Vietnam. Judge Hartman coordinates each ceremony and plays a vital role in ensuring each and every one of these talented individuals is celebrated.

In addition to his military service, Judge Hartman served for 25 years on the Fifth Judicial District Court. His extensive knowledge of the law, along with his passion for veterans' affairs, allowed him to help bring a veterans treatment court to Laramie County. The program's unique approach aims to add much-needed mental health and mentoring services to veterans facing criminal charges. His experiences, both in the Air Force and on the bench, make him a proud advocate who never hesitates to uphold, encourage, and defend veteran causes.

Wyoming holds two enlistment ceremonies each year. On November 12, Matt, with Judge Hartman's assistance, will host his final ceremony as Governor. Addressing a new group of enlistees, he will impart wisdom and speak about Wyoming's legacy of service. I have been honored to attend many of these ceremonies. It will again be my honor to stand beside my friend as we commend these fine young folks.

President Teddy Roosevelt famously said, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." Time and time again, Governor Matt Mead demonstrates his respect and gratitude for our servicemembers. He leads with honor, integrity, and pride, and our State and Nation are better because of his dedication.